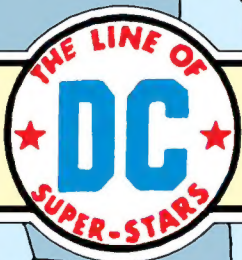




OMAC



WILL OMAC MEET
HIS FATE IN
"The PLACE of FEAR?"

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OMAC

ONE MAN ARMY CORPS

TAKE A
GOOD LOOK,
OMAC...IN A FEW
MINUTES YOU'RE
GOING TO BE ONE
OF *THEM*!



JOE
KUBERT

A YOUNG MAN CRIES FOR **HELP!**

HE HAS AWAKENED AND FOUND HIMSELF IN A NIGHTMARE SITUATION --- HIS PLEA IS PICKED UP BY A GREAT ORBITING SATELLITE HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH --- IT IS THE MOST ADVANCED MACHINE EVER BUILT BY MAN --- IT KNOWS HIS PROBLEM AND CAN HELP --- THIS AND *MORE* CAN HAPPEN IN ---

THE WORLD THAT'S COMING---

THE WORLD OF

OMAC

ONE-MAN ARMY CORPS.

I-I'M
**BUDDY
BLANK!!**
--- WON'T
SOMEONE
HELP
ME!/?

HANG
ON... I'VE
GOT YOU
IN FOCUS..



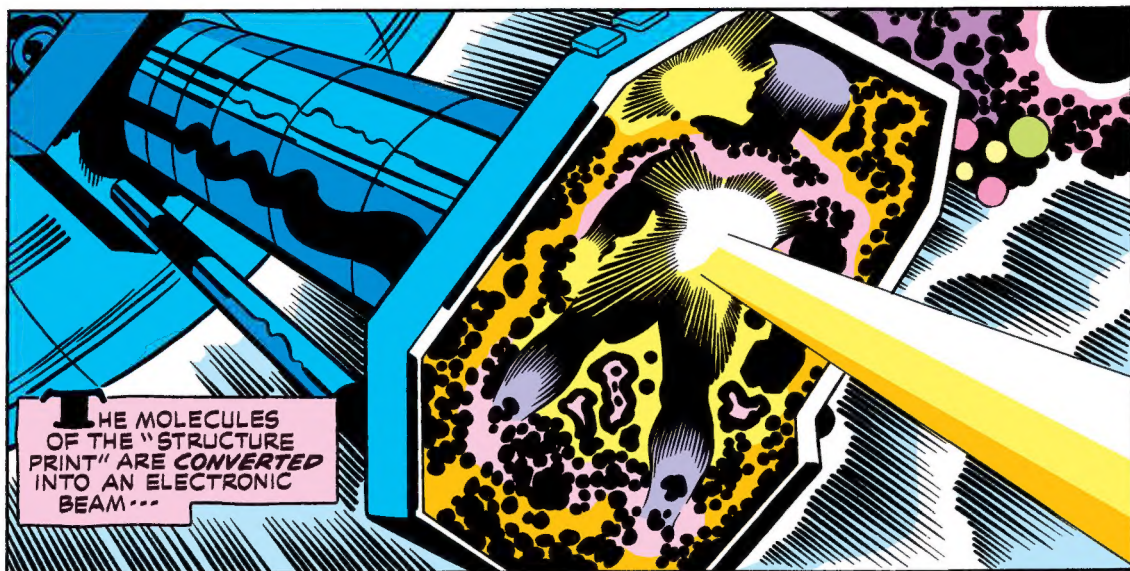
IT IS THE AGE OF ATOM-MANIPULATION---AND THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY FUNCTIONS OF THE SATELLITE "BROTHER EYE." IT MOVES WITHIN ONE OF ITS MECHANICAL DIVISIONS AND EMERGES WITH A MOLECULAR "STRUCTURE PRINT" OF OMAC, THE ONE-MAN ARMY CORPS.

HELP ME!

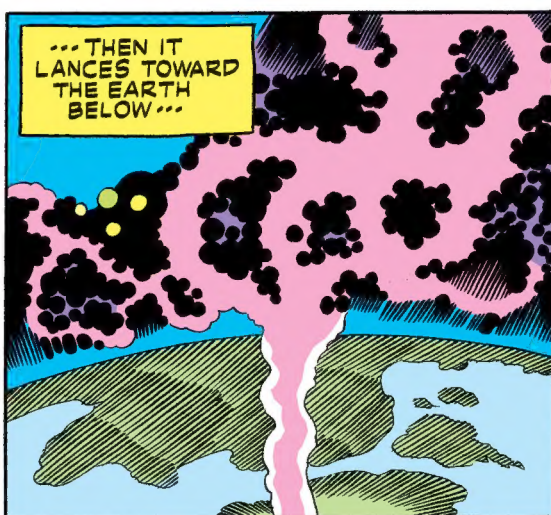
I-I'M STRANDED ON THIS ROCK!

STAND BY!
THIS "STRUCTURE PRINT" WILL CHANGE YOU... AND GIVE YOU NEW MEMORY AND STRENGTH!

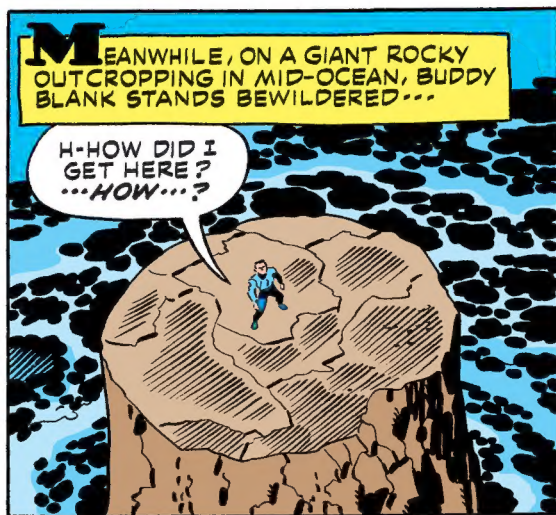
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THE MOLECULES OF THE "STRUCTURE PRINT" ARE **CONVERTED** INTO AN ELECTRONIC BEAM---



--- THEN IT LANCES TOWARD THE EARTH BELOW---



MEANWHILE, ON A GIANT ROCKY OUTCROPPING IN MID-OCEAN, BUDDY BLANK STANDS BEWILDERED---

H-HOW DID I GET HERE?
---HOW---?

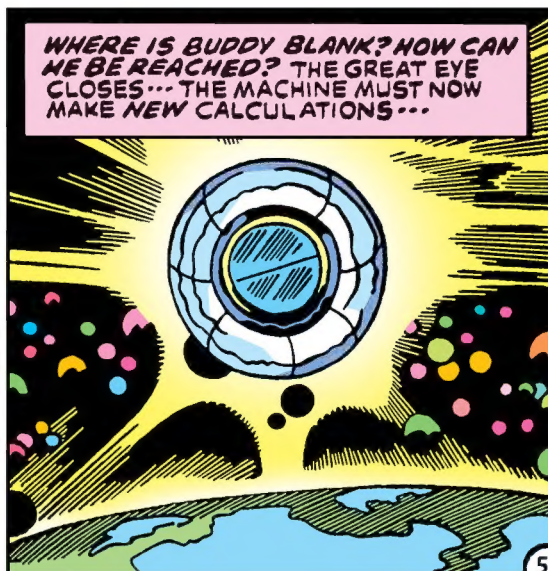
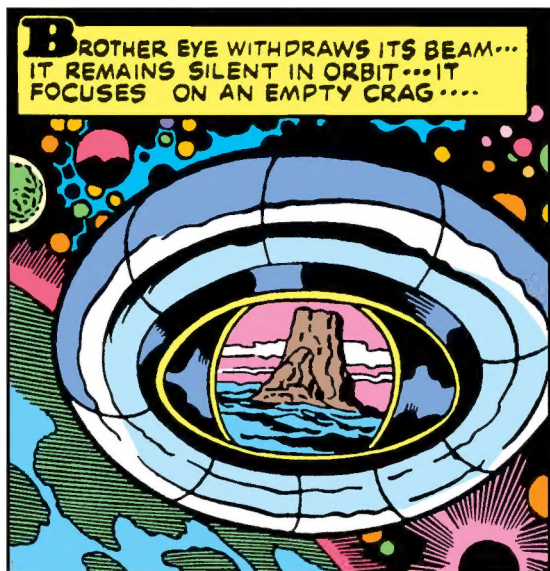
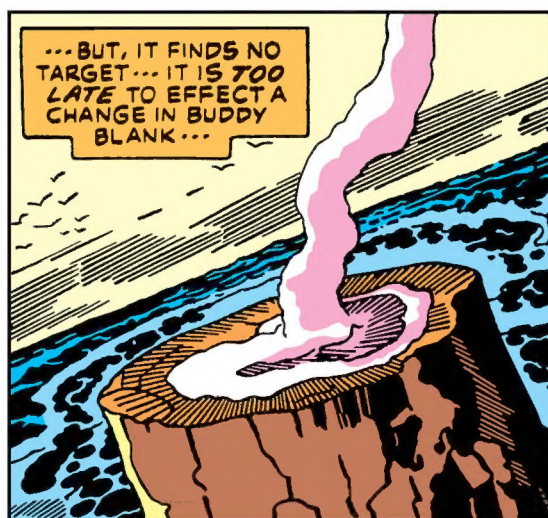
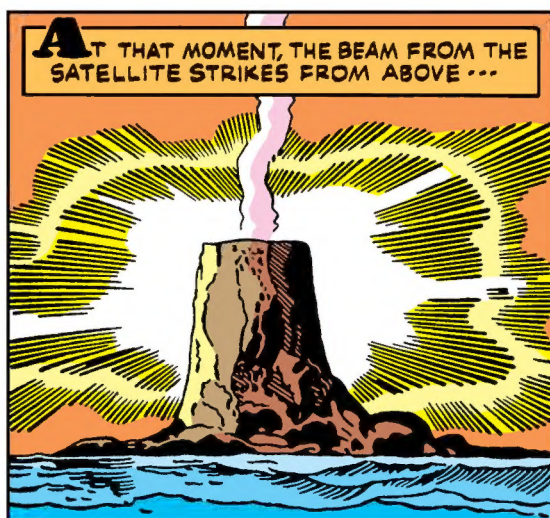


BUDDY IS **UNAWARE** THAT HE CAME HERE AS OMAC --- BUT HAD BEEN REVERTED TO HIS **ORIGINAL** STAGE BY AN UNKNOWN FORCE ---

TH-THIS IS JUST A BARREN ROCK!
THERE'S **NOBODY** HERE!



THE ROCK AT BUDDY'S FEET BEGINS TO **GLOW**! THAT **MYSTERIOUS** FORCE IS ONCE MORE AT WORK---



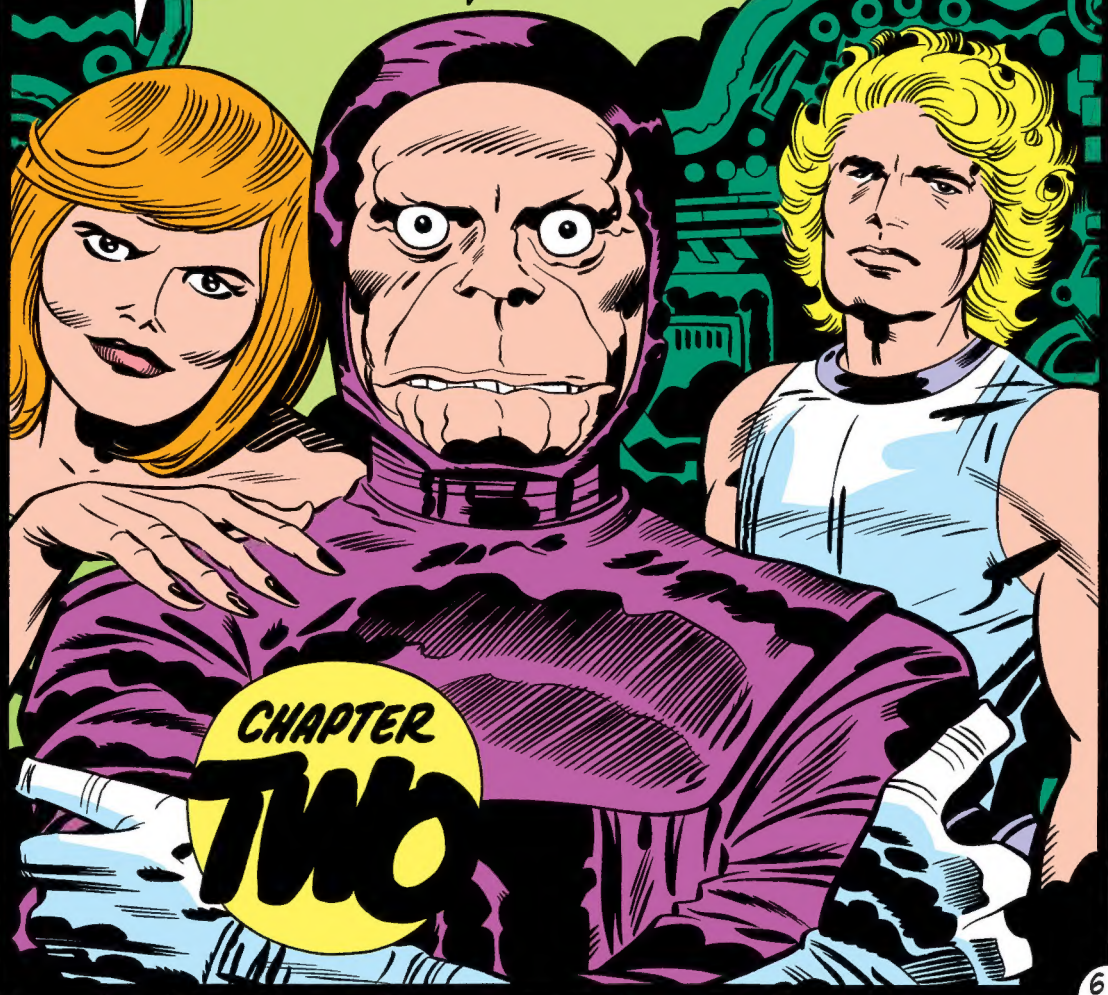
MOMENTARILY DEFEATED, BROTHER EYE IS WELL AWARE OF THE *EVIL FORCE* RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE STRANGE HAPPENINGS. THE ENEMY IS *DOCTOR SKUBA* ... A BRILLIANT *OUTLAW MIND*! THUS, THE BATTLE LINES ARE DRAWN...

HUMAN GENIUS VS. THINKING MACHINE

I CAN SEE
HIM, POPPA!
HE'S
COMING
THROUGH!

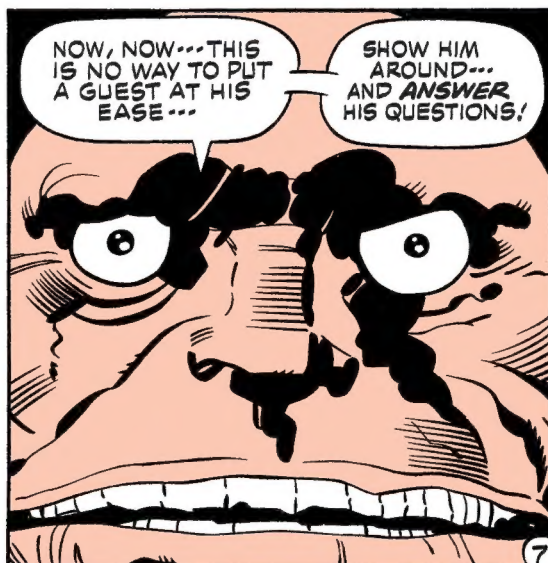
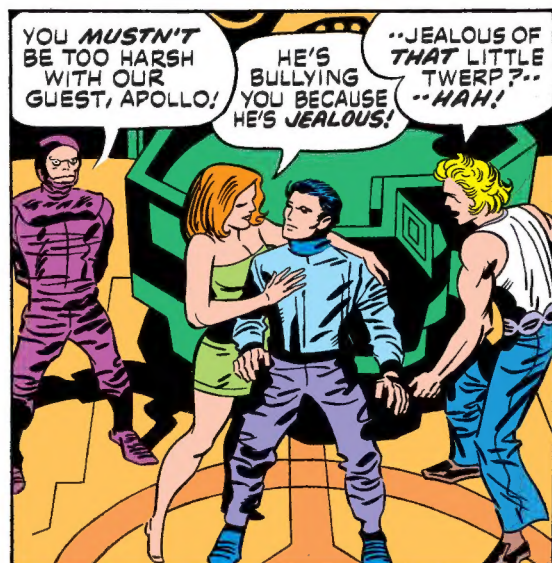
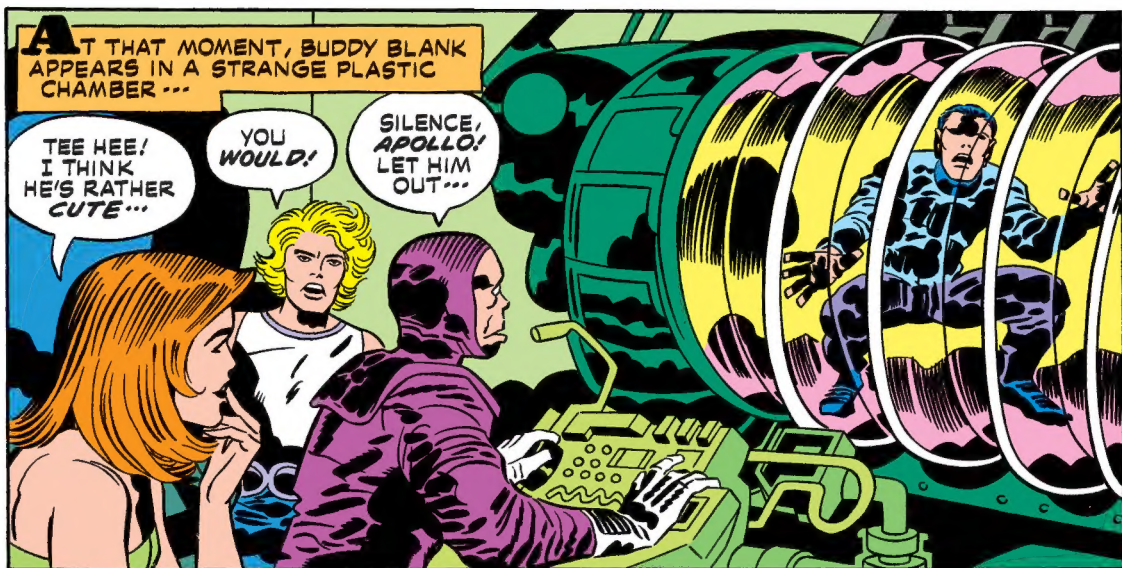
YES, *SEAWEED*. THIS
BUDDY BLANK SHALL
SOON BE OUR...
GUEST...

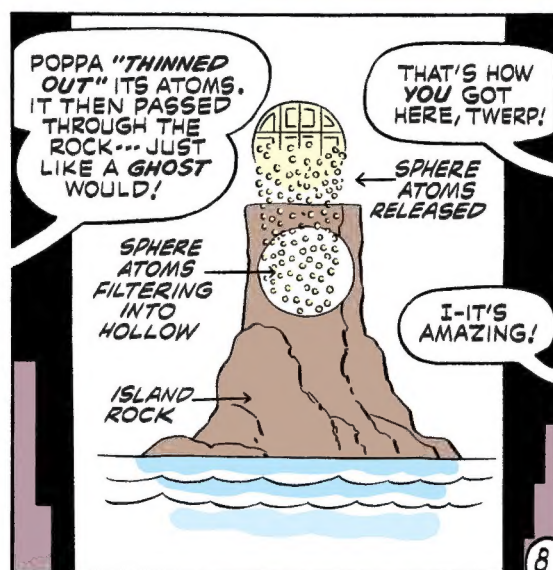
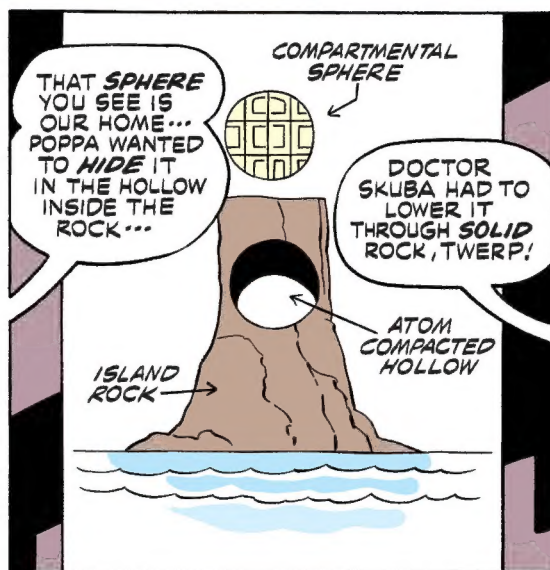
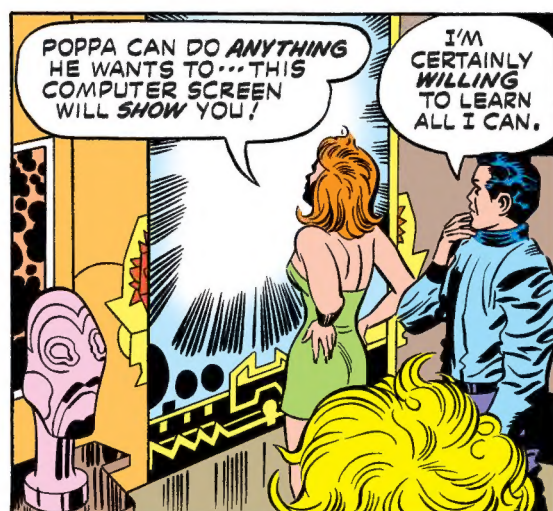
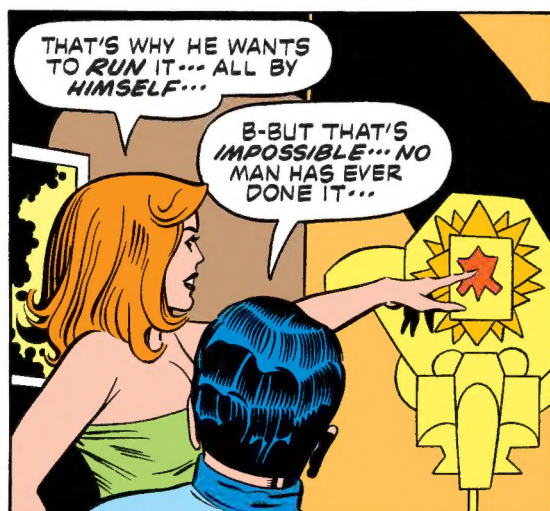
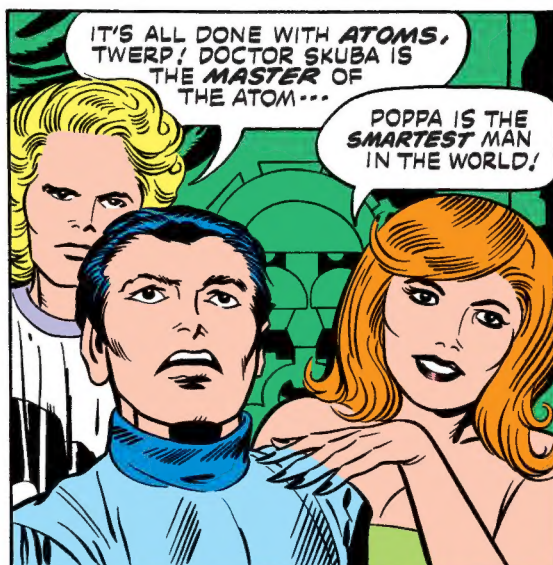
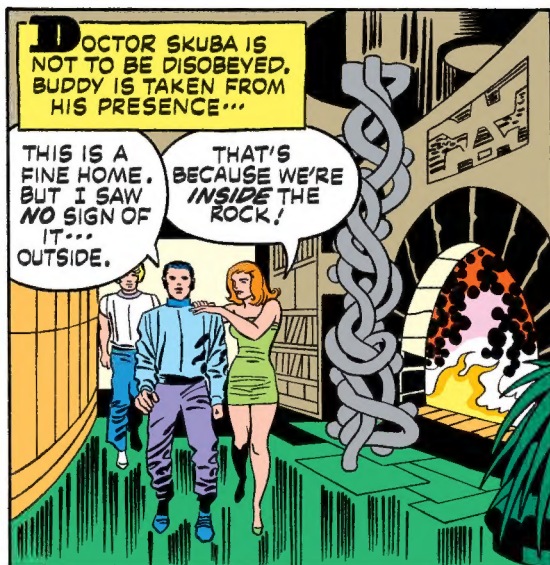
HE'S ALMOST
SOLID NOW...

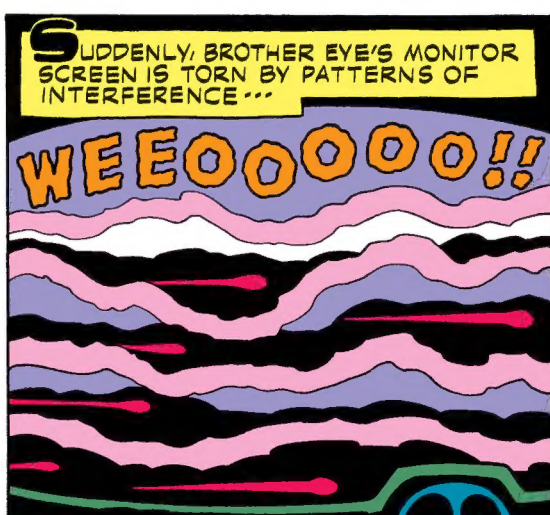
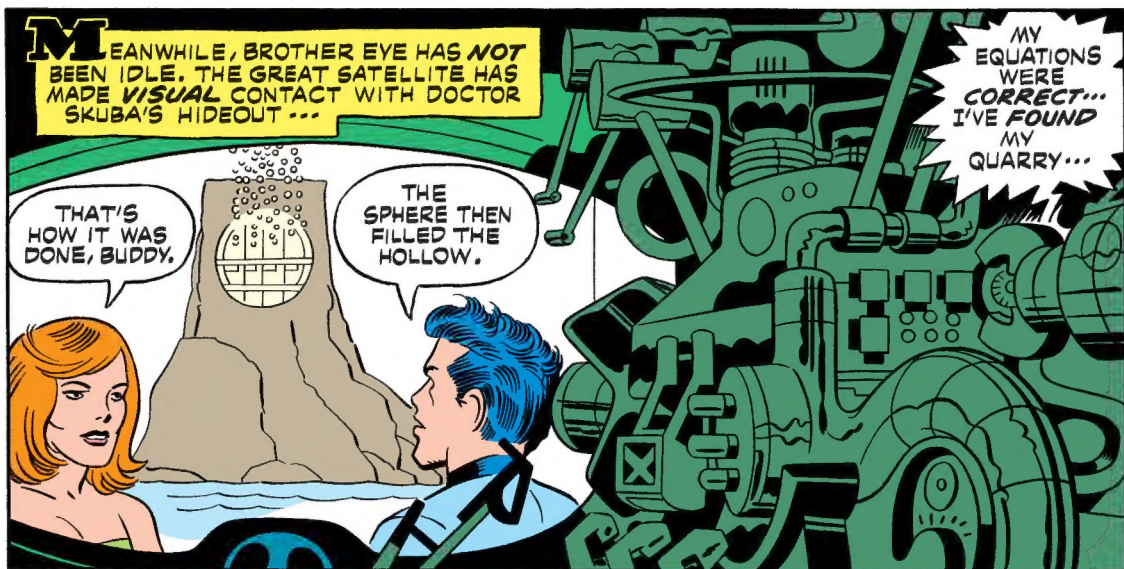


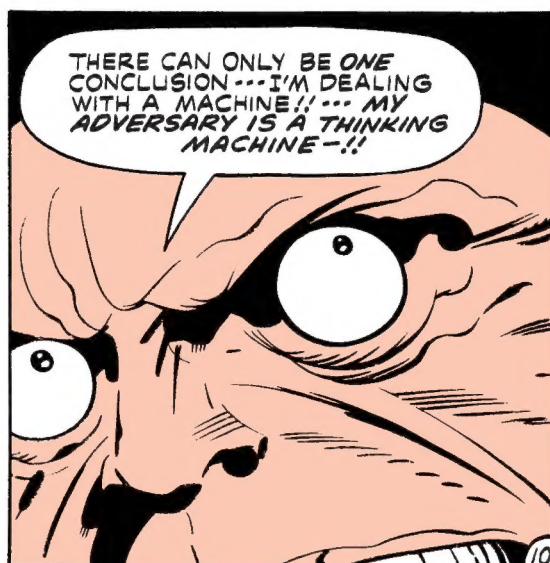
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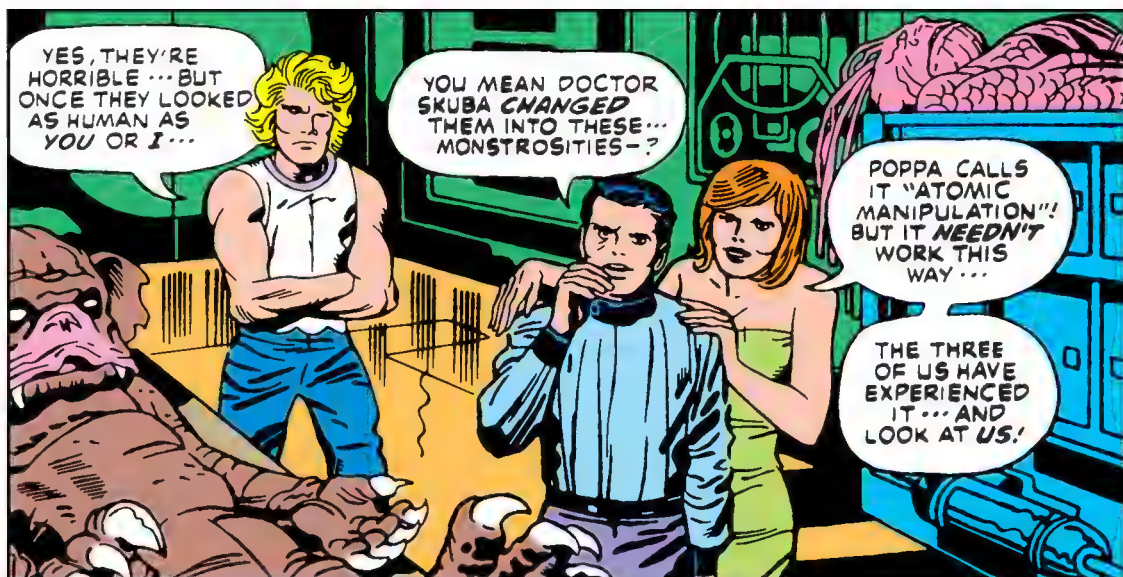


CHAPTER
THREE

AS TWO GIANT INTELLECTS PREPARE TO CLASH, BUDDY BLANK, INNOCENT AND WIDE-EYED, IS LED FROM ONE MIRACULOUS CHAMBER TO ANOTHER --- **MIRACLES** WROUGHT FROM THE ATOM!! --- YET MIRACLES OF A CRUEL AND HIDEOUS DESIGN --- **DOCTOR SKUBA'S HOME IS A ---**

PLACE OF FEAR





YES, THEY'RE HORRIBLE ... BUT ONCE THEY LOOKED AS HUMAN AS YOU OR I ...

YOU MEAN DOCTOR SKUBA *CHANGED* THEM INTO THESE ... MONSTROSITIES - ?

POPPA CALLS IT "ATOMIC MANIPULATION"! BUT IT *NEEDN'T* WORK THIS WAY ...

THE THREE OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED IT ... AND LOOK AT US!



BE STILL, YOU LITTLE FOOL! YOU TALK TOO MUCH!

STOP IT, APOLLO! YOU'RE HURTING ME! POPPA WON'T LIKE THAT!



YOU'RE FATHER'S A TWISTED OLD FIEND!

IS THAT SO? WELL, AFTER WHAT HE DID FOR YOU AND ME, I'D *HARDLY* CALL THAT GRATITUDE!



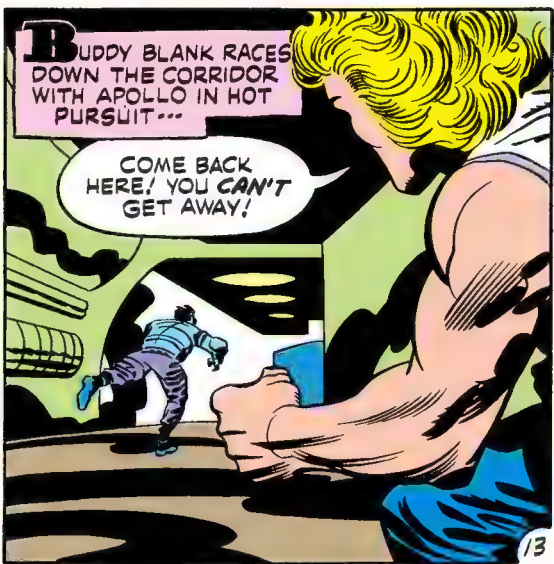
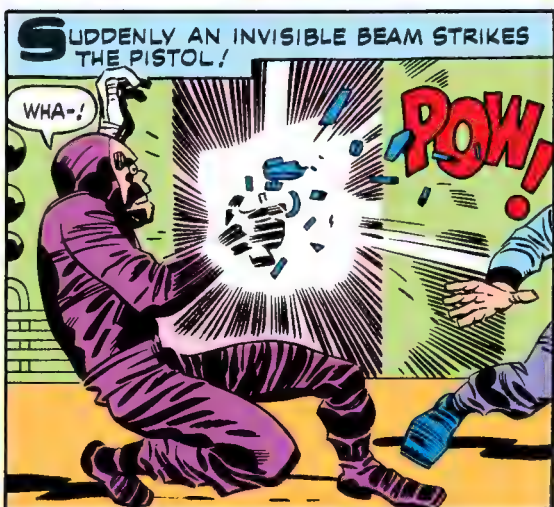
IT'S A HIGH PRICE TO PAY FOR MARRYING A "FEATHER-BRAIN" LIKE YOU ... AT LEAST THESE MEN HAD THE COURAGE TO TURN YOU DOWN --

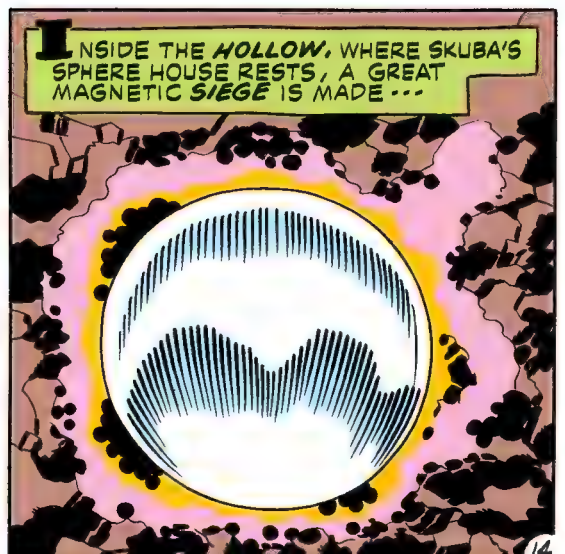
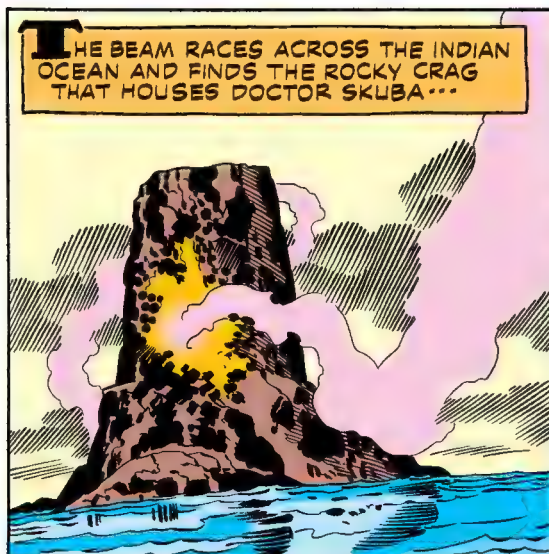
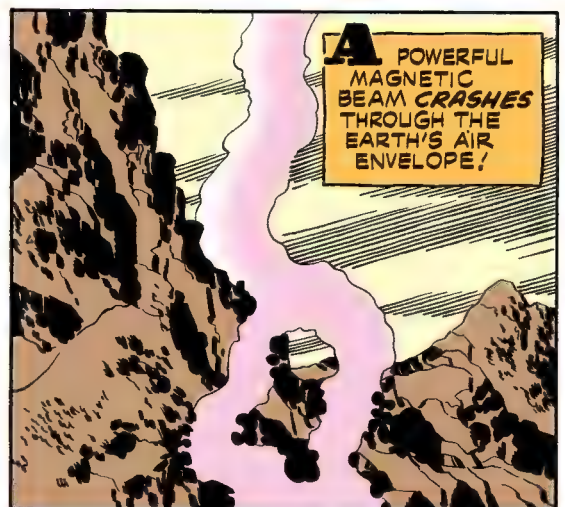
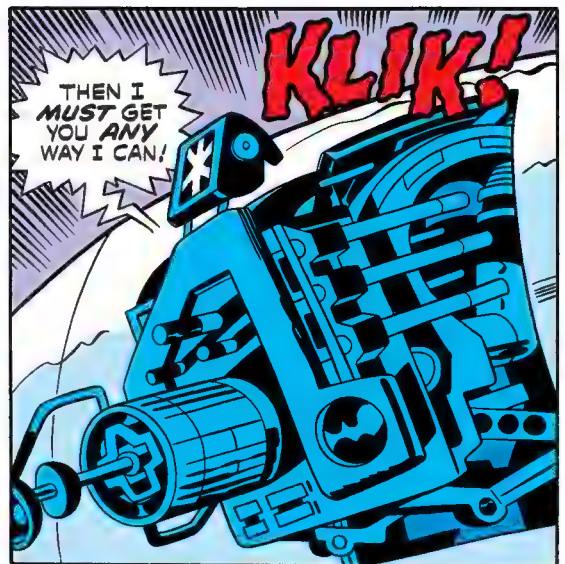
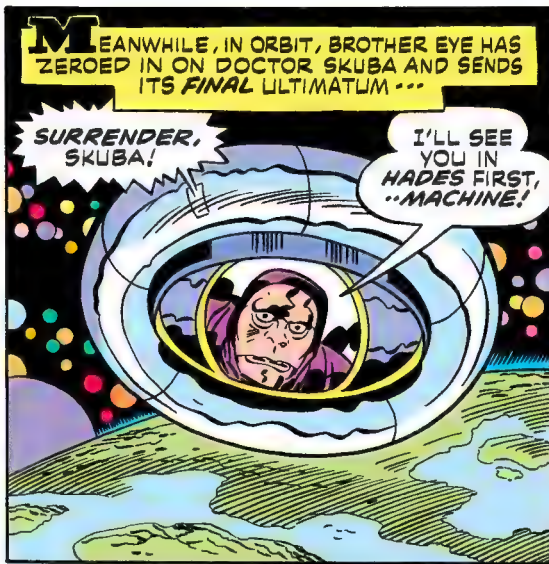


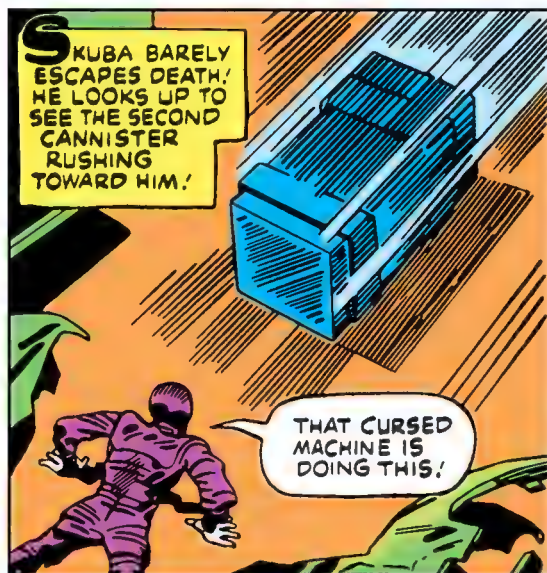
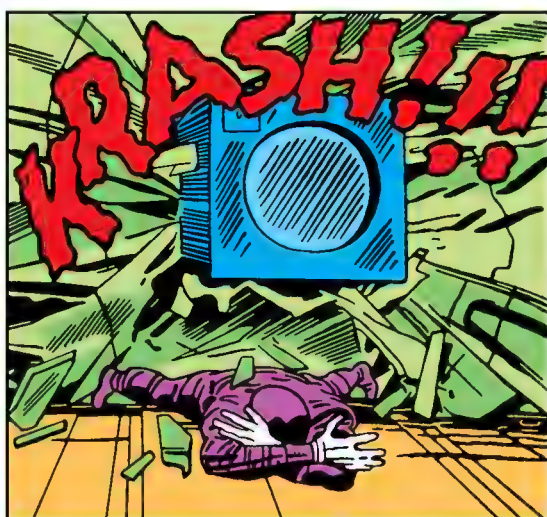
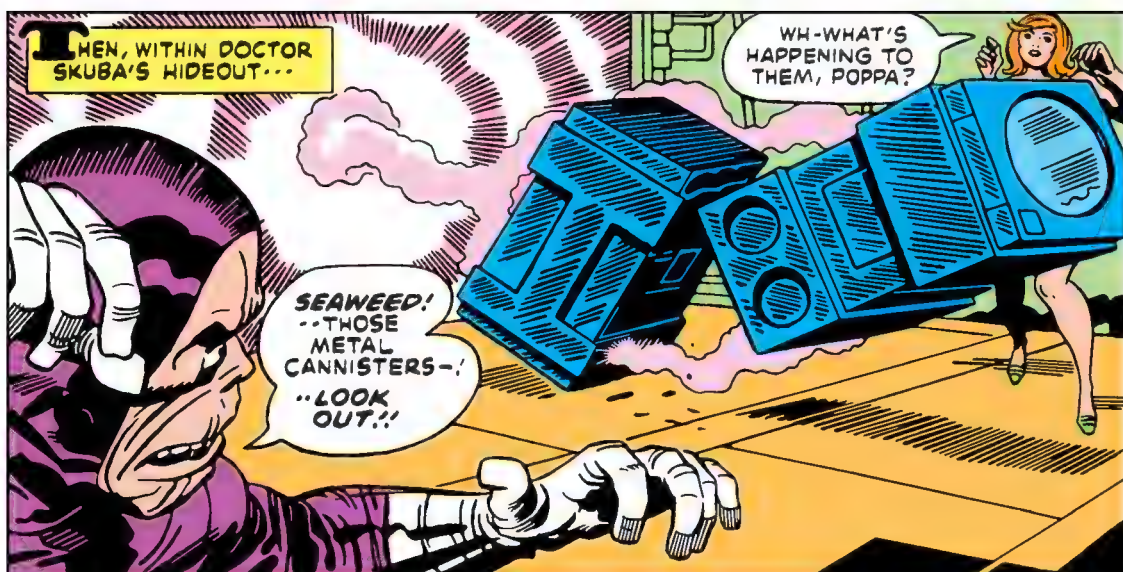
--AND THEY PAID FOR THAT!

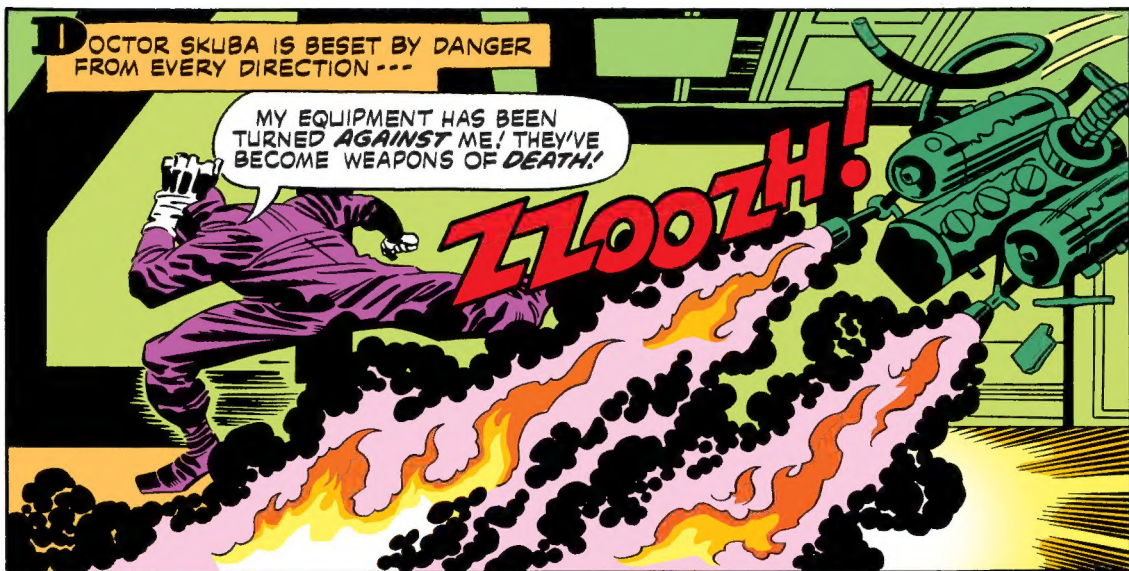
STAND ASIDE! THIS IS FOR OUR GUEST!

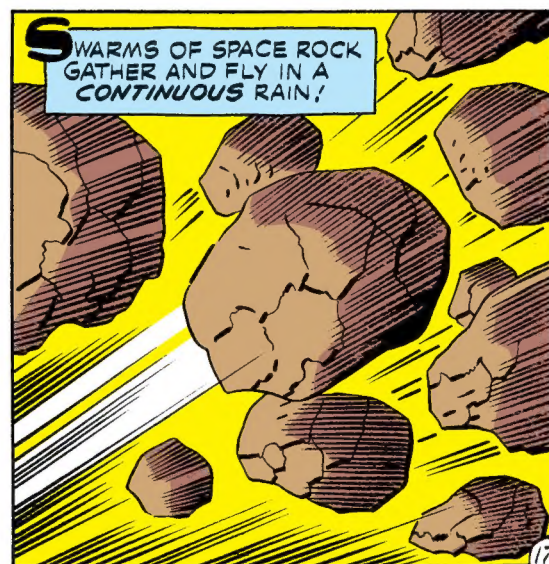
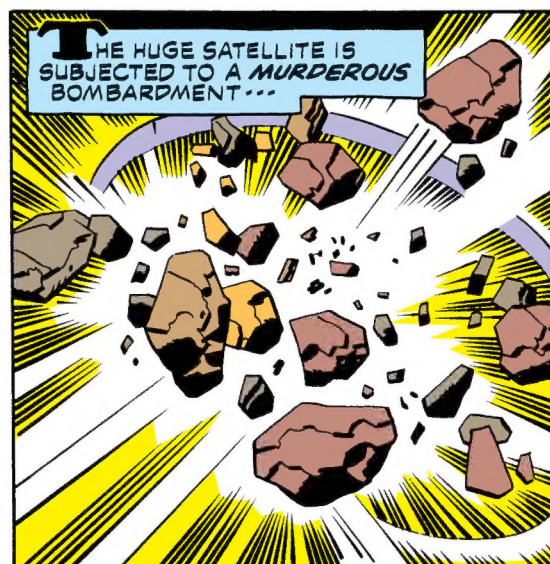
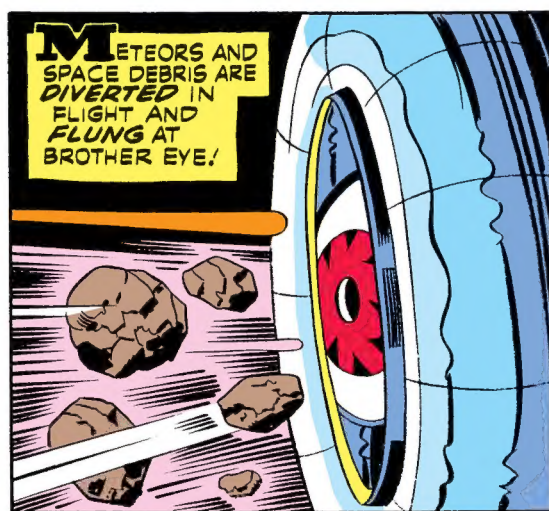
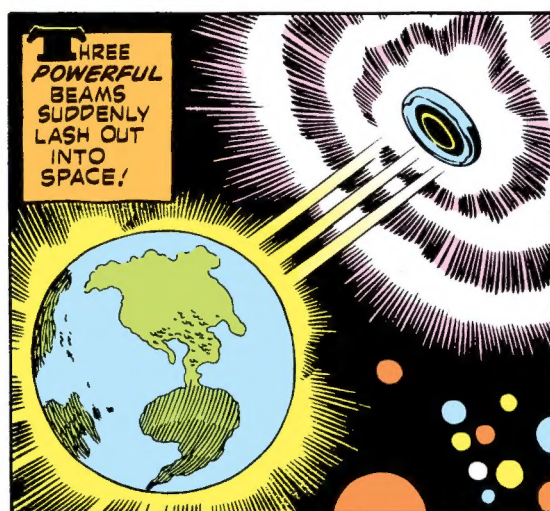
DOCTOR SKUBA--! THAT PISTOL...! W-WHAT DOES IT MEAN--?

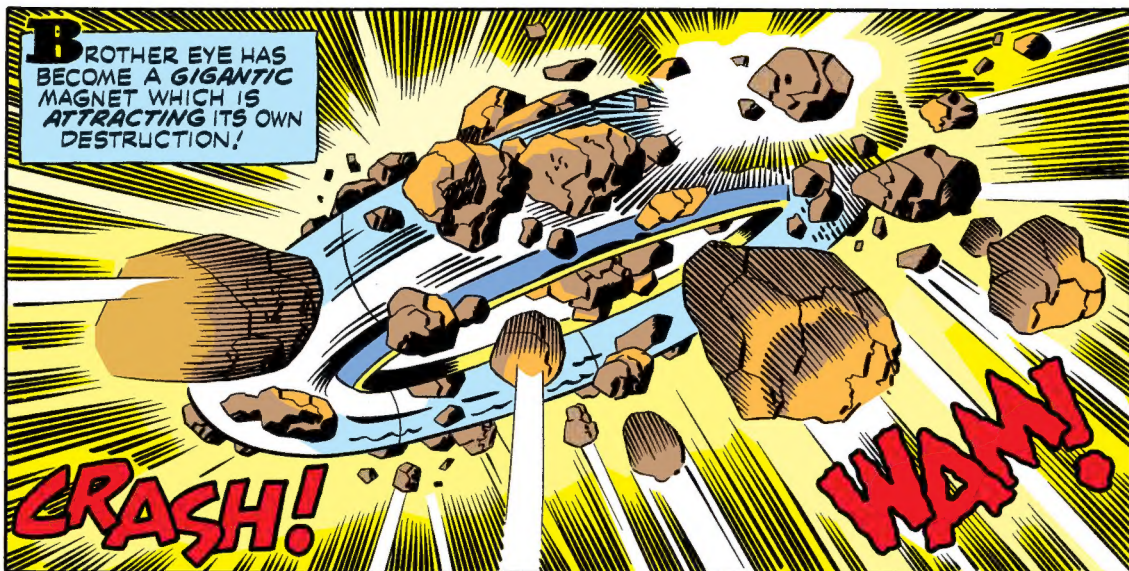




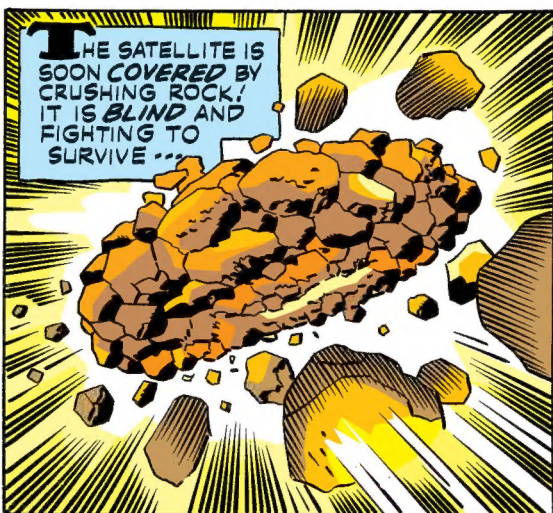








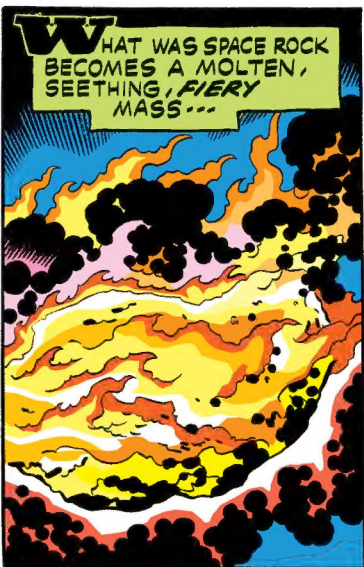
BROTHER EYE HAS BECOME A *GIGANTIC* MAGNET WHICH IS *ATTRACTING* ITS OWN DESTRUCTION!



THE SATELLITE IS SOON COVERED BY CRUSHING ROCK! IT IS *BLIND* AND FIGHTING TO SURVIVE --



SUDDENLY, A BEAM OF SOLAR INTENSITY ROARS OUT FROM EARTH -- IT *HEATS* THE STONES WHICH COVER BROTHER EYE --



WHAT WAS SPACE ROCK BECOMES A MOLTEN, SEETHING, *FIERY* MASS --



IT FINALLY COOLS... BROTHER EYE IS NOW *HELPLESS* AND *SILENT*. IN A PRISON OF *SLAG* --



BUT BELOW, THE EFFORT HAS CAUSED AN OVERLOAD IN DR. SKUBA'S EQUIPMENT.. THE ISLAND *EXPLODES* IN A GIGANTIC FIREBALL...

WHAROOM

...AND HIS VERY SUCCESS BRINGS DESTRUCTION TO THE EVIL SKUBA!
IS THIS -- THE END?



Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE